

PROJECT STATUS REPORT					REPORTING PERIOD		
NOTE: See instructions on reverse side.					March 1955		
2. CRYPTONYM		3. DIVISION OR BRANCH		4. COUNTRY		5. APPROVAL	
A. PROJECT		B. SUB-PROJECT		TARGET		BY	
MICROOND		EE/A		Austria		DD/P	
				Austria		7 Aug 53	
6. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.		EXTENSION		SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	
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7. TYPE OF PROJECT		PP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> FI <input type="checkbox"/>					
8. PERSONNEL		PROJ. T/O POSITIONS		9. FUNDS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR			
STAFF AGENTS		None		A. CURRENT PROJ. CEIL.		B. CUM. ALLOTMENT	
CONTRACT PERSONNEL		None		\$ 30,000		\$ 23,510	
						\$ 15,561	
10. (a) <u>Action Reported by Field</u>							
<p>DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007</p> <p>(c) <u>Caching</u></p> <p>Salzburg Operations Base recommended a 1955 cache emplacement program of 20 ten-man caches and 5 five-man caches. However, in view of the inability of Hqs. logistics components to provide cache material to the field with less than five months prior notification of details, it was determined by Hqs. to restrict 1955's summer caching effort to inspection of 1951, '52, and '53 caches, recovery of those inspected and considered no longer useful, and reconnaissance of areas for planned 1956 cache emplacement. PM equipment--weapons, demolitions, etc.--which has been in storage at Camp Run, Innsbruck for several years and earmarked for wartime issue to KUHOOK assets, principally the GRLAUNCH organization, is no longer considered to be necessary as supplies or suitable for issue. The field recommended, and Hqs. concurs, that this equipment be disposed of soon, probably by turning it over to the U. S. Army in Austria.</p> <p>(2) <u>Evasion and Escape</u></p> <p>GRREPAIR-3 has recruited a W/T agent candidate who will undergo the W/T code aptitude test in Salzburg soon. (GRREPAIR is the central segment of the E & E line.)</p> <p>GRREPAIR-3 has submitted the name of another agent candidate to his case officer and is presently assessing this candidate.</p> <p>GRREPAIR-4 has recruited a wartime manager for the northern part of the E & E route.</p> <p>A POC has been granted for assessment of a single agent candidate who resides in Kitzbuehel (Tirol--western Austria). If recruited, the agent will carry out spotting and E & E organization activities.</p> <p>(3) <u>Guerrilla Warfare</u></p> <p>An air reconnaissance by GRLAUNCH-1, 2, and the case officer of present and planned operational areas in Salzburg and Tirol provinces was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. (GRLAUNCH is a PM organization in central and western Austria.)</p> <p>GRLAUNCH-2 submitted the completed folder on Drop Zone #10, a reconnoitered area, to his case officer.</p>							

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(h) Training

GRDAGGER-1, the project principal agent, has expressed a desire to have six additional GRDAGGER members receive PM training this summer. Vienna Operations Base agrees to this desirability and also believes that refresher PM training would be worthwhile for those six GRDAGGER members who took the eleven-day PM course in Austria last summer. Headquarters is now attempting to obtain a suitable PM instructor with the necessary language ability. (GRDAGGER is a labor union with Hqs. in Vienna and local units throughout eastern and central Austria.)

Case officer has given GRLAUNCH-1 an instructional KUHOOK manual for study. He is to pass it on to GRLAUNCH-2 when he has completed his study of it. This has been done as an aid to the training of the GRLAUNCH agents and is intended to serve as a basis for more specific training discussions. The manual in use is that which was included in the 1954 caches.

W/T refresher training sessions were scheduled for GRLAUNCH-3 and A 9. GRLAUNCH-3 was able to attend, but GRLAUNCH A 9 did not appear due to an unforeseen conflict with his business commitments.

(d) Security Factors

GRLAUNCH-1 provided his case officer with a new personnel roster of the GRLAUNCH organization, as requested. The case officer is undertaking research on the organization with a view toward tightening security, providing training to the GRLAUNCH agents, and increasing the efficiency and thoroughness of the agents' work and reporting.

GRLAUNCH-5, a former agent originally considered a group leader and a W/T asset, was terminated in June, 1953. GRLAUNCH-1, the project's principal agent, recommends that GRLAUNCH-5 be brought back into the organization because he presents more of a security threat by being outside of the organization. GRLAUNCH-1 also states that he believes GRLAUNCH-5 has "learned his lesson" in the past two years (GRLAUNCH-5 was dropped because of his immature security attitude and actions) and in addition, now resides in Salzburg where he can be more readily controlled. The case officer is investigating GRLAUNCH-5's past activities and present situation and will resolve the issue soon. Containers for the storage and caching of microfilms and viewers have been requested for use by the GRLAUNCH organization. It is planned to put all organization records held by organizational leaders on microfilm rather than allow them to retain carbon copies of all reports submitted.

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